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Message:

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Under the proposed boundaries, SD 10 would consist of communities of interest with different and conflicting needs from its senate representative. Not only would these boundaries conflate the needs of rural and urban Texans, this map would also disenfranchise the voice, vote and representation of SD 10's current and future constituents including Fort Wort residents, residents in the proposed district's urban and rural communities and Texans representing important communities of interest including racial, ethnic, age, gender and other communities of interest.

I urge you to reject any and all proposed boundaries for SD-10 and other state senate districts that divide and dilute the representation of our large Texas cities. Furthermore, I urge you to oppose any proposals that limit the constitutional right of our Texas communities of interest for proper representation. It is my prayer that you uphold these concerns as you enter the debate on the Senate map.

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